

**PRIORITIES FOR THE
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING POOL (CCFP)**

for Fiscal Years 2017-2018

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This document presents the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee's (CCFAC) recommendations on priorities for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) for the two-year funding cycle beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (July 1, 2016). The recommendations were developed by the CCFAC, the citizen group established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and charged with the responsibility to recommend CCFP priorities based on community and staff assessments of the human services and community development needs within the county. Members of the CCFAC are appointed by the County Executive and represent various public and private citizen advisory or administrative boards, councils, and committees within the county.

During the course of the CCFP priority-setting process for FY 2017-2018, the CCFAC received information from Fairfax County staff on the trends and emerging needs affecting the human services system in its delivery of services. Based on the data provided to them by staff, the CCFAC has designed a new element in its CCFP priorities framework that identifies targeted focus areas within each priority. These focus areas represent growing needs within the human services system. The CCFAC, therefore, recommends that applicants give full and careful consideration to these targeted focus areas.

Described below are the four recommended priorities, the outcomes to be achieved, service examples, and targeted focus areas:

I. PREVENTION

Outcome: Families and individuals remain independent and have the tools and resources to prevent future dependence. Communities increase their ability to support their members in preventing dependence.

Services in this category are intended to help those who are at risk of falling into, but are not yet in situations which would require significant, multiple, or ongoing interventions or services. Those who are repeatedly falling into difficulties generally need more extensive and complex services than "prevention." This category also includes community and neighborhood development programs that provide early and positive public engagement to identify emerging problems and solutions and develop community-based prevention activities.

Service Examples (may include some of the following examples, but are not limited to):

- Mentoring programs for youth, adults, and families
- Conflict resolution and anger management training and counseling
- After-school or other programs that provide positive alternatives to risky behavior
- Courses that teach language or culture to help groups interact positively
- Life-skills and healthy choices programs
- Financial literacy/management training and counseling to foresee and prevent financial crises
- Health fairs and health screening clinics, dental clinics, inoculations, nutrition education

Targeted Focus Area(s) for Prevention Priority: In Fiscal Years 2017-2018, Fairfax County has seen a growing need in the focus areas below and is specifically seeking projects that address the following:

- Behavioral health services for youth and older adults, including suicide prevention
- Early childhood development services

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II. CRISIS INTERVENTION

Outcome: Individuals, families, or communities in crisis overcome short-term problems (generally not more than three months) and quickly move back to independence.

Services in this category assist individuals and families that need short-term or one-time assistance with basic needs (food, shelter, transportation, counseling) to avoid falling more deeply into dependency on public support. In addition, providers of these programs should conduct initial assessments or referrals to identify longer-term or chronic issues and steer recipients toward resources to address these more complex problems. This category would not cover ongoing services to address more chronic conditions such as illiteracy, substance abuse, long-term poverty, ongoing illness, or permanent disability.

Service Examples:

- Food pantry
- Utility payments
- Rental assistance
- Financial counseling
- Furniture collection and distribution
- Disaster response
- Services to victims of domestic violence and their families
- Emergency medical assistance, including emergency counseling and pharmaceutical assistance
- Provision of temporary or emergency shelter to the homeless

Targeted Focus Area(s) for Crisis Intervention Priority: In Fiscal Years 2017-2018, Fairfax County has seen a growing need in the focus areas below and is specifically seeking projects that address the following:

- Domestic violence services, particularly those that provide housing opportunities for families affected by domestic violence
- Food assistance for families with children
- Emergency rental and utility assistance

III. SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Outcome: Families, individuals, neighborhoods, and communities attain self-sufficiency over a period of three months to three years.

Services in this category recognize that many social problems are complex in origin and require complex intervention. Sophisticated assessment, coordination, collaboration, and case management are generally required to provide these services effectively. Individuals, families, neighborhoods, and communities served have long-term, but not permanent, problems. Services in this category may link to prevention services but should not be confused with them. This category should not include emergency short-term (category II) or ongoing-needs (category IV) services for individuals or families.

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Service Examples:

- Development of a comprehensive plan to achieve self-sufficiency, which may include phased services, referrals, and/or evaluation of long-term needs
- Acquiring/preserving/rehabilitating/constructing affordable, accessible, and stable housing with accessible supportive social services
- Transition assistance requiring involvement with individuals or families over a period of more than three months
- Employment training/job skills/awareness of economic opportunities
- Primary medical/dental services
- Counseling services
- Services to assist with trauma recovery
- Adult education
- Language and cross-cultural assistance
- Childcare to help parents stay employed
- Legal services
- Transportation to provide access to existing programs or services
- Financial asset formation
- Services for homeless families and individuals, including homeless youth

Targeted Focus Area(s) for Self-Sufficiency Priority: In Fiscal Years 2017-2018, Fairfax County has seen a growing need in the focus areas below and is specifically seeking projects that address the following:

- Healthcare affordability and accessibility services, particularly behavioral health services
- Housing needs identified in the Fairfax County Housing Blueprint
- English proficiency services

IV. LONG-TERM SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Outcome: Individuals who have continuing long-term needs, and who therefore may not become self-sufficient, achieve and/or maintain healthy, safe, and independent lives to the maximum extent possible.

Services in this category meet the needs of individuals who, because of age or other permanent conditions, will need ongoing help and likely will never achieve self-sufficiency. It may be difficult to initially assess whether an individual or family needs services from this category, as compared to another category. Indeed, those receiving ongoing services may also benefit from preventive programs, require emergency services, or move from dependence to self-sufficiency in some areas of their lives while needing ongoing assistance in others. Programs to help neighborhoods or communities address growing ongoing supportive service needs within the community would also fall into this category.

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Service Examples:

- Affordable, accessible, and stable long-term housing with supportive social services
- Services to assist individuals transitioning from institutional to home or community-based care
- Personal assistance with routine tasks
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Social environments for isolated individuals
- Home health visits
- Individual and family counseling
- Respite services to help caregivers
- Nutrition assistance
- Supportive employment

Targeted Focus Area(s) for Long-Term Supportive Services Priority: In Fiscal Years 2017-2018, Fairfax County has seen a growing need in the focus areas below and is specifically seeking projects that address the following:

- Affordable and accessible housing with supportive social services, to include employment and mobility assistance, for very low-income individuals with disabilities and very low-income older adults

*Capital Projects from the Community Development Block Grant
may be awarded in multiple categories (generally self-sufficiency and long-term supportive services).*
